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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on Page 1, lines 3-6, with the following paragraph:

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/198,056, filed April 18, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/220,542, filed July 25, 2000. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/771,533 filed on January 29, 2001.

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) An apparatus for use in an application including at least one of clamping and valving, the apparatus comprising:

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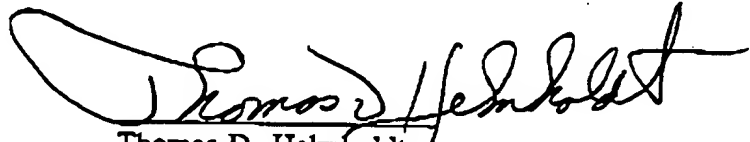
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